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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...heavily into this issue. I don't know how widespread it is, but I'd say...would guess that it's very widespread in Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. I think it is somewhat limited in Nebraska at this point. But it does provide a way of bringing in outside capital, more than the cattle, but outside capital into Nebraska, particularly at this time in the industry when it is suffering for lack of capital. Be that as it may, I'm willing to support the bill, because I believe the overall bill is better and is an area we need to head. On the other hand, it truly is an idealistic type bill at this point. And it is going to do some damage to the cattle feeding industry in Nebraska, I believe, as long as Nebraska is an island in this case. Now, South Dakota has some legislation. I believe the value in this is that it sends the message nationally that this is what should be looked at. But I am also not naive enough to believe that we will be able to change the national trend.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. There being no other lights, Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BROMM: I'm going to be very brief. Hope there's enough senators on the floor that we can get a vote on this. The amendment, very briefly, just inserts the words "directly or indirectly" into the "unlawful actions of a packer engaging in the feeding business." And adds the words to clarify that other than temporary ownership, "keeping and feeding, up to five days necessary and incidental to the process of slaughter." So that's the amendment and would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. The question before us is the adoption of the Bromm amendment to LB 835. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of